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June 14, 2007

Kevin J. Martin FCC Chairman
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12<sup>th</sup>. Street, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination Representative for Universal Service Administrative Company, Board of Directors (For Consumer Advocates Reappointment/Vacancy)

## Dear Kevin Martin:

The Western Montana Telecommunications Consumers, Inc. would like to whole-heartedly support the reappointment of Linda West to the Consumer Advocates on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board. Linda is an exceptional individual who has represented well the interests of our rural communities and the Western Montana Telecommunications Consumers, Inc. Board. Linda is especially concerned with the welfare of low-income families. She has met with Montana senator Max Baucus, the Common Carriers Bureau, the FCC commissioners' office, as well as several other senatorial offices in Washington D.C. to express our community concerns and policies that effect our rural-telephone communities.

Linda is an enrolled member of the federally recognized Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation. Linda has been a long time employee of the Salish and Kootenai Tribes. Her lifelong experiences will continue to add a valuable perspective and insight to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board.

The Western Montana Telecommunications Board would like you to give serious consideration to Linda West's reappointment to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, feel free to contact me at: (406) 675-4946

Respectfully Yours,

Corwin Clairmont

Chairman

Western Montana Telecommunications Board